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DEMONS SURROUND ME ON EVERY SIDE...
...SHROUDING, OPPRESSING ME WITH THEIR HOT, FETID BODIES.
RANCID MANDIBLES SNAP AND SNARL FOR MY THROAT, CURSING MY NAME.
AN EXCELLENT IMITATION, BUT THIS IS NOT HELL.
I AM GRAVESTONE OF THE PROTECTORS
I SHOULD KNOW.

MERELY EXTRANEOUS BEINGS, ULTRA TERRESTRIALS--VERY BRUTAL, TENACIOUS FIGHTERS, PAWNS OF WISECRACK* WHO DO HIS BIDDING BECAUSE THEY KNOW NO BETTER...
THEY AREN'T REAL DEMONS, OF COURSE.
NAAWWK!
KRLAKK!
* SEE PROTECTORS #7-9 -Roland.
...BUT MORTAL ENOUGH.
I WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST A GENUINE DEVIL.
GAAA-AH!
SKA-AWK!
THIS IS BAD ENOUGH.
...I HAVE RESISTED THEIR TRUTH DRUGS, INTERROGATION, AND TORTURE.
GROWING MORE VICIOUS...MORE VIOLENT..
THEY KNOW I WILL NEVER BE TAKEN ALIVE.
YAAA-AAAGHH!

HARDLY QUICK THINKERS, I IMMEDIATELY KNOW THEIR SORDID SCHEME.
K-KILL!
THEIR MASTER WANTS THE SECRET OF DIMENSIONAL TELEPORTATION.
KILLLL HIMMMM!
KRONK!
HE WILL NEVER LEARN IT FROM ME.
NGHH!
WHICH MAKES ME EXPENDABLE.
ARC IS STILL HELD PRISONER.
SHE'S INNOCENT... ONLY A CHILD.
IF I AM WEAK... THE DEMONS WILL BREAK HER.
...IF I AM WEAK...
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ARC...
CHILD..
I... AM SORRY..
NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
AT FIRST, I FEEL MYSELF FALLING...
DARKLY... ABYSMALLY..
GRAVESTONE! BOUGHT IT AGAIN, HUH?
EVER THINK ABOUT CHANGING PROFESSIONS?

WHERE-- WHERE AM I?
AHH, DISORIENTED, TOO, HUH? YOUR MEMORY GETS WORSE EACH TIME. ONE WOULD THINK NOTHING ELSE COULD BE WRONG WITH YOU.
SO TELL ME-- WHAT WAS IT?
GUN? KNIFE? THERMO-NUCLEAR BOMB? OVER-DUE TAXES?
CHARON...? CHARON! YOU'RE CHARON--THE FERRYMAN!
AT YOUR SERVICE, OLD FRIEND.
OF COURSE, AS USUAL, I WON'T BE CHARGING YOU PASSAGE..
I KNOW YOU DON'T INTEND TO STAY!
IF YOU'RE SURE TO WANT TO REMEMBER, TAKE A GLANCE OVER THE SIDE.
BUT I WARN YOU...
...IT'S NOT PRETTY.
GRAVESTONE?
OH, GOD...
HE'S NOT MOVING... HE'S NOT BREATHING..*
I HAVE... SEEN ENOUGH.
I REMEMBER.
* SEE PROTECTORS #9 FOR THE REASONS.

ORPHEUS
DESCENDING
I AM DEAD.
BUT NOT FORGOTTEN! WELCOME BACK, OLD FRIEND.
I'VE MISSED YOU.
ABANDON ALL HOPE YE WHO ENTER HERE
STORY MARTIN POWELL
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I HAVE ENTERED MANY TIMES... AND I WILL NEVER ABANDON HOPE.
I RENOUNCE YOUR GRIP ON MY SOUL AND THE CARRION'S CALL.
I ALWAYS WILL!
YOU'RE HERE-- YOU'RE HERE AT LAST!
HELP US!
SAVE US!
LOST SOULS!
TAKE US BACK!
TAKE US WITH YOU!
WE'LL MAKE YOU TAKE US!
...SPECTRES OF PURE WANT AND DESPAIR...
PLEASE... I DIED TOO SOON!
I WANT TO BREATHE AGAIN!
HELP US SEE OUR FAMILIES!
WE WANT TO LIVE AGAIN!!
...LINGERING HERE FOREVER...
I WANT TO HAVE CHILDREN!
HELP US OR YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE!
BEGGING... PLEADING... THREATENING... ALWAYS WANTING MORE...
...YET NEVER RECEIVING.

I KNOW HOW THEY FEEL..
PLEEEEASE...
HELP USSSSS...
KEEP AWAY FROM ME--!
PLEEEASE..
YOU CAN'T GO WITHOUT US!!
WE WON'T LET YOU GOOOOOO...
THUNNK!
LEAVE ME ALONE!
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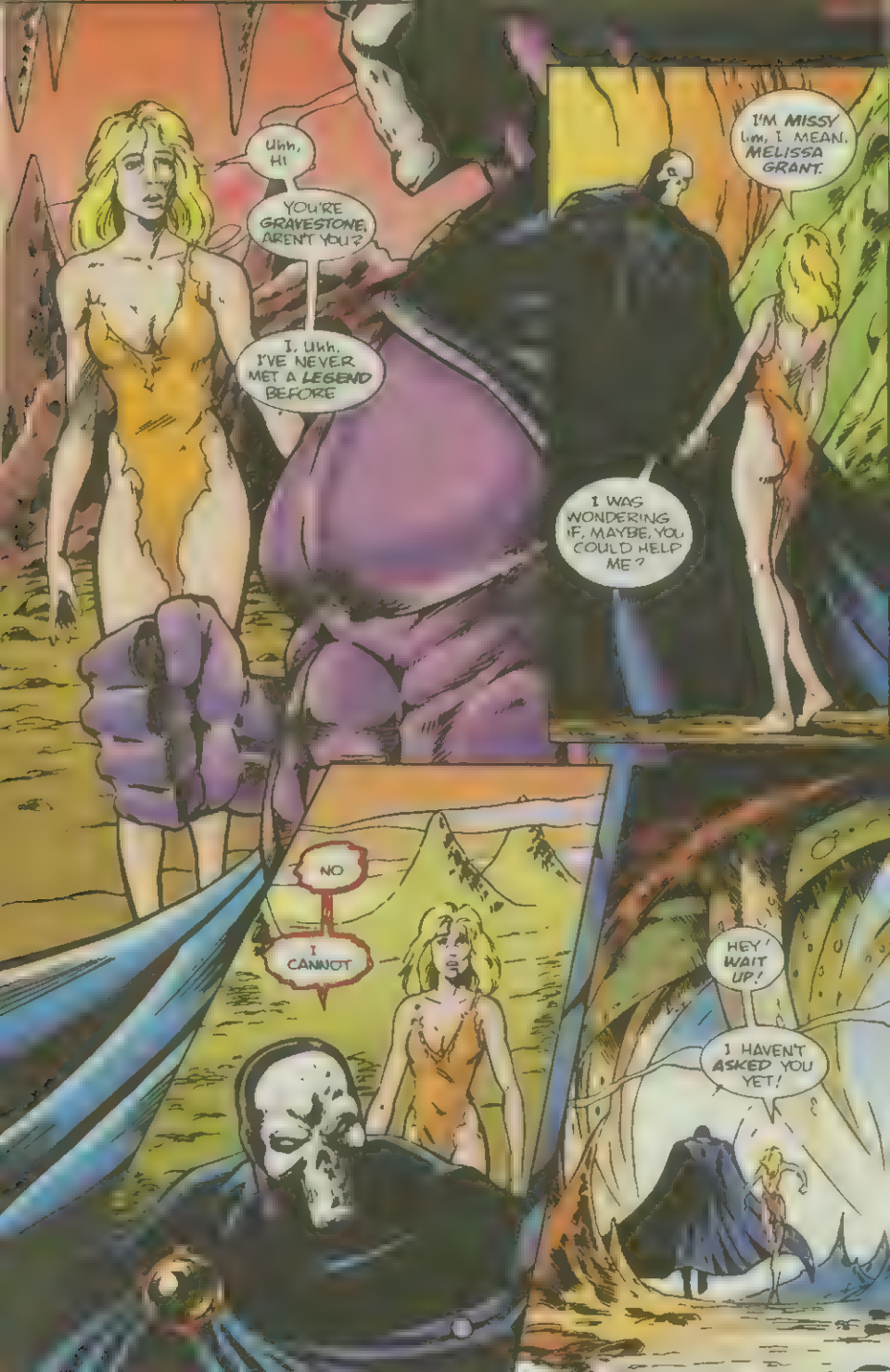
BEGONE!
YAAAY!!!!
KRAAAK
WE'LL KILL YOU KILL YOU!!
KILLLLL HIMMM!
WOW.

--I'M ALREADY DEAD!!
WE ALL ARE!
H-HIS FACE.
STAY BAAACK!
K KEEP AWAAAY!!
THA-THAT FAAAACE!!
NOOOOOO!!
UMMM
EXCUSE ME.


Uhh, Hi
YOU'RE GRAVESTONE, AREN'T YOU?
I, Uhh, I'VE NEVER MET A LEGEND BEFORE
I'M MISSY Um, I MEAN, MELISSA GRANT.
I WAS WONDERING IF, MAYBE, YOU COULD HELP ME?
NO
I CANNOT
HEY! WAIT UP!
I HAVEN'T ASKED YOU YET!

I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT
YOU WANT TO LIVE AGAIN TO BE WHOLE AND REAL TO FEEL THE SUNSHINE ON YOUR FACE
IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN
YOU'RE DEAD
WAIT A MINUTE! PLEASE! YOU'VE GOTTA UNDERSTAND
YOU DID THIS TO ME! THE REASON I'M DEAD. WELL
IT'S YOUR FAULT!
EXPLAIN, LITTLE GIRL
B BUT I WAS ONLY SIXTEEN! I DESERVE ANOTHER CHANCE!
THEY SAY HERE THAT YOU CAN CHEAT DEATH! PLEASE TAKE ME BACK WITH YOU!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
I'M SORRY
WHAT KINDA MAN ARE YOU?!
I AM NOT A MAN
I AM GRAVESTONE
I- I WAS THERE, IN BRINKSTON... THAT IS, I WAS IN THE MOUNTAINS -WHEN IT HAPPENED! JUST SEEING IT MUST'VE STOPPED MY HEART! YOU SUPER-GUYS I MEAN. YOU'RE THE ONES THAT DID IT, RIGHT? YOU DEMOLISHED THE WHOLE TOWN AND KILLED ME!

GRAVESTONE??
GRAVESTONE! IS IT REALLY YOU?
NIGHT MASK!
RICHARD I'M SURPRISED TO FIND YOU SKULKING AMONGST THE LOST DEAD!
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D FAIL, GRAVESTONE...LOSING EVERYTHING. PAYING WITH YOUR LIFE
LIKE ME
I WAS MORTAL, RICHARD A CASUALTY OF WAR--THE SAME AS YOU
YOU DIDN'T FAIL
SAVE YOUR LECTURES, GRAVESTONE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HUMOR A GHOST!
YOU HONORED THE PROTECTORS, RICHARD. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT EVEN YOUR FATHER, PHILLIP REINHART
PERHAPS YOU'D PREFER TO RETURN WITH ME AND LET THEM TELL YOU--
IN PERSON
I BLEW IT! PURE AND SIMPLE!
I WAS STUPID AND WEAK AND I PAID THE PRICE.
Y-YOU CAN ACTUALLY DO THAT? RETURN TO LIFE AND TAKE ME WITH YOU?
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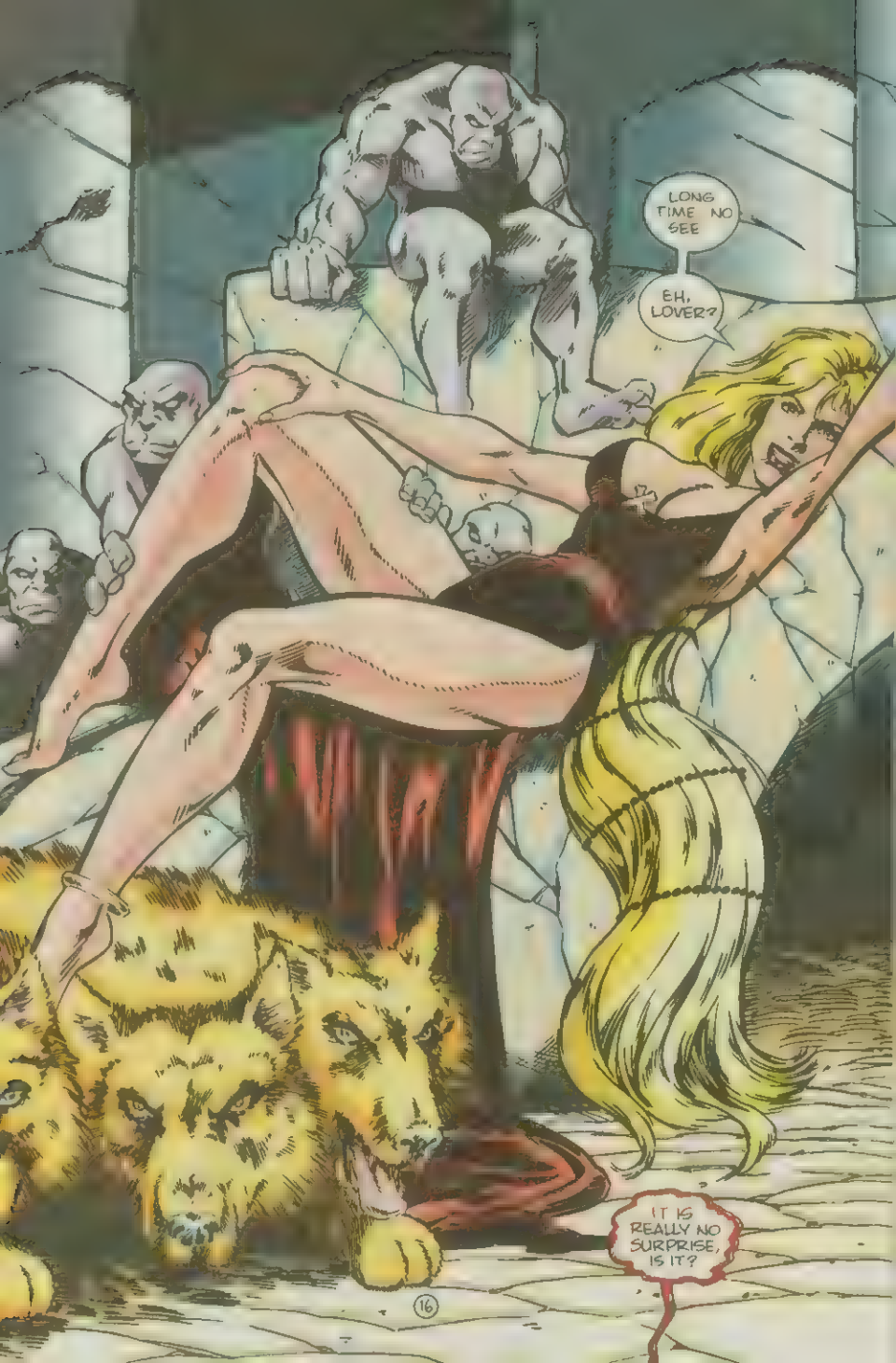
NOOOOOO
PERHAPS...
I CAN TRY
I CAN'T FACE MY FATHER HE WAS RIGHT I WAS WRONG
I JUST WANNA BE LEFT ALONE
THEN YOU SHOULD MOVE ON, RICHARD THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS WAITING FOR YOU.
YOU DON'T BELONG HERE
YEAH RIGHT
LOOK WHO'S TALKING!
HAVE TOLD HIM IF YOU SEE MARCIA TELL HER
NO
NEVER MIND IT'S NOT IMPORTANT ANYMORE
SO
YOU'LL HELP YOUR FRIENDS--BUT YOUR VICTIMS AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH!
IS THAT IT?
JUST YOU WAIT MISTER HERO
JUST YOU WAIT

I KNOW THESE VOICES
I RECOGNIZE THESE SCENTS
LOVES I HAVE KNOWN AND LOST LURING ME ON
COME, GRAVESTONE.
NEARER.
COME TO US.
WE WANT YOU WITH US...
GRAAAAAAVESSSSSSTONE
IT'S A LIE!!
I HAVE NO LOVED ONES HERE!!
OH, REALLY, GRAVESTONE?
ARE YOU SO CERTAIN?
SHAKRA!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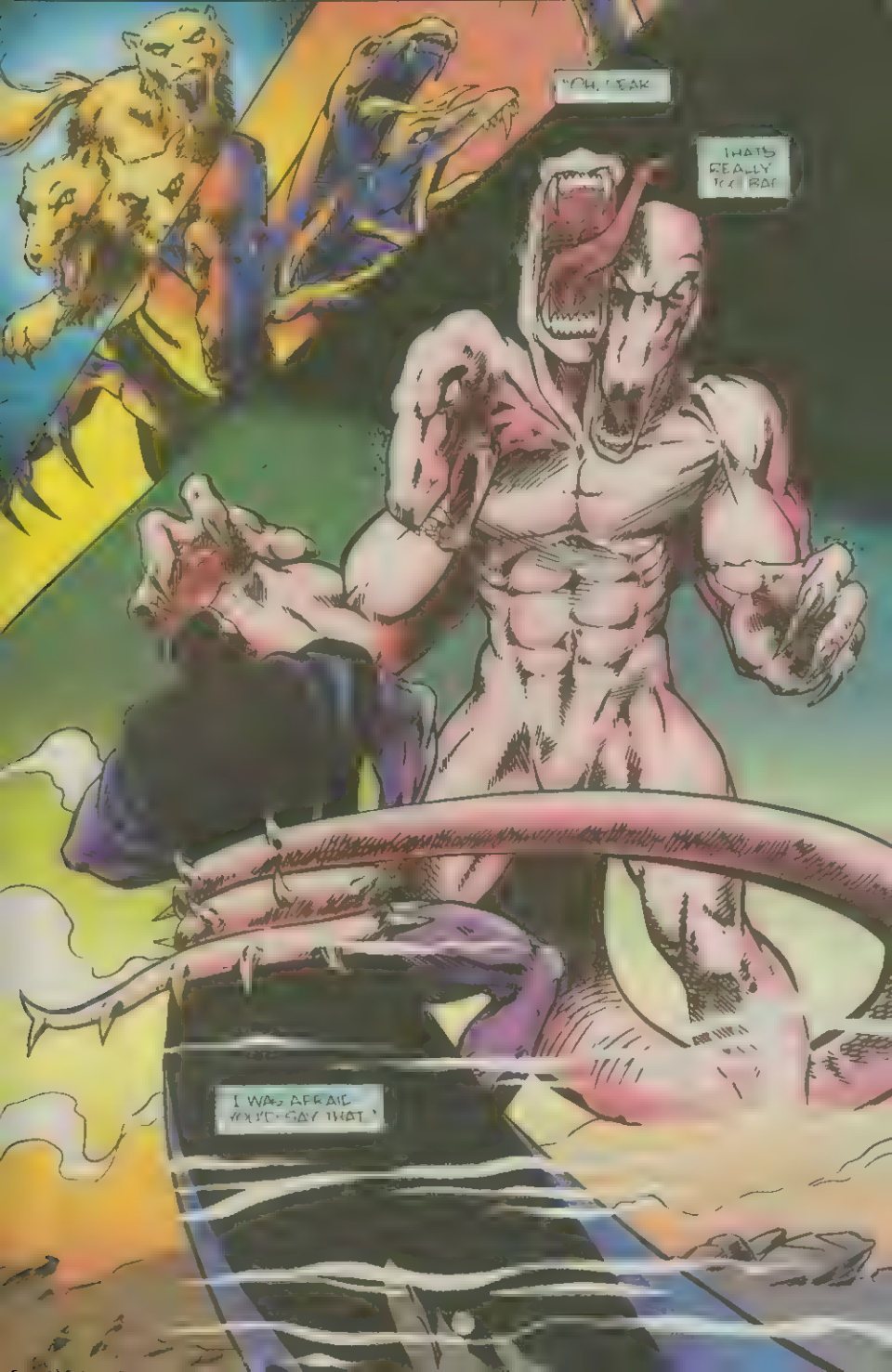
IT IS 'GRAVESTONE' NOW, ISN'T IT?
YET ANOTHER TEDIOUS ALIAS NICE COSTUME, THOUGH MAKES A STATE-MENT
I'M NOT AMUSED, SHAKRA ESPECIALLY NOT BY THE FACE YOU'RE WEARING
BLAME YOURSELF, GRAVESTONE YOU SELECTED THIS IMAGE!
I MUST SEE ME AS AN ANGEL OR THEIR SWEET OLD GRANDMA WHATEVER THEY WANT TO SEE
SO WHO IS SHE DARLING YOUR LOVER? HAVE YOU BEEN UNTRUE TO ME? HMM?
STOP IT, SHAKRA!
NO, NO, YOU MUST TOO, DARLING REALLY YOU MUST
ALL THIS BUSINESS OF DYING AND RISING AGAIN
IT'S JUST NOT NATURAL!
HER FACE HER SCENT
HER VERY TOUCH SO LOVING SO FAMILIAR
DAMN HER!
IT'S TIME TO COME TO ME, DARLING
OR WOULD YOU RATHER GO WITH --THEM?!

YOU RECOGNIZE THEM, DON'T YOU BRAVESTONE? YOU SENT 'EM ME OF THEM HERE
KEEP KEEP THEM AWAY!
THEY'RE CLOSER TO YOU HERE THEY CAN ACTUALLY TOUCH YOU! I NEVER DREAMT YOU'D HAVE SO MANY ENEMIES WHY, THERE MUST BE BILLIONS OF THEM!
ALL SCREAMING FOR YOUR SOUL!
NO!
I DON'T CARE WHO THEY ARE OR WHERE THEY ALL COME FROM
BUT YOU'D CLEARLY BE SAFER WITH ME
YOU'RE EXHAUSTED, MY LOVE
REST WITH ME
NO
NO! I REFUSE!


"OH, FEAR
THAT'S REALLY NOT BAD
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT.

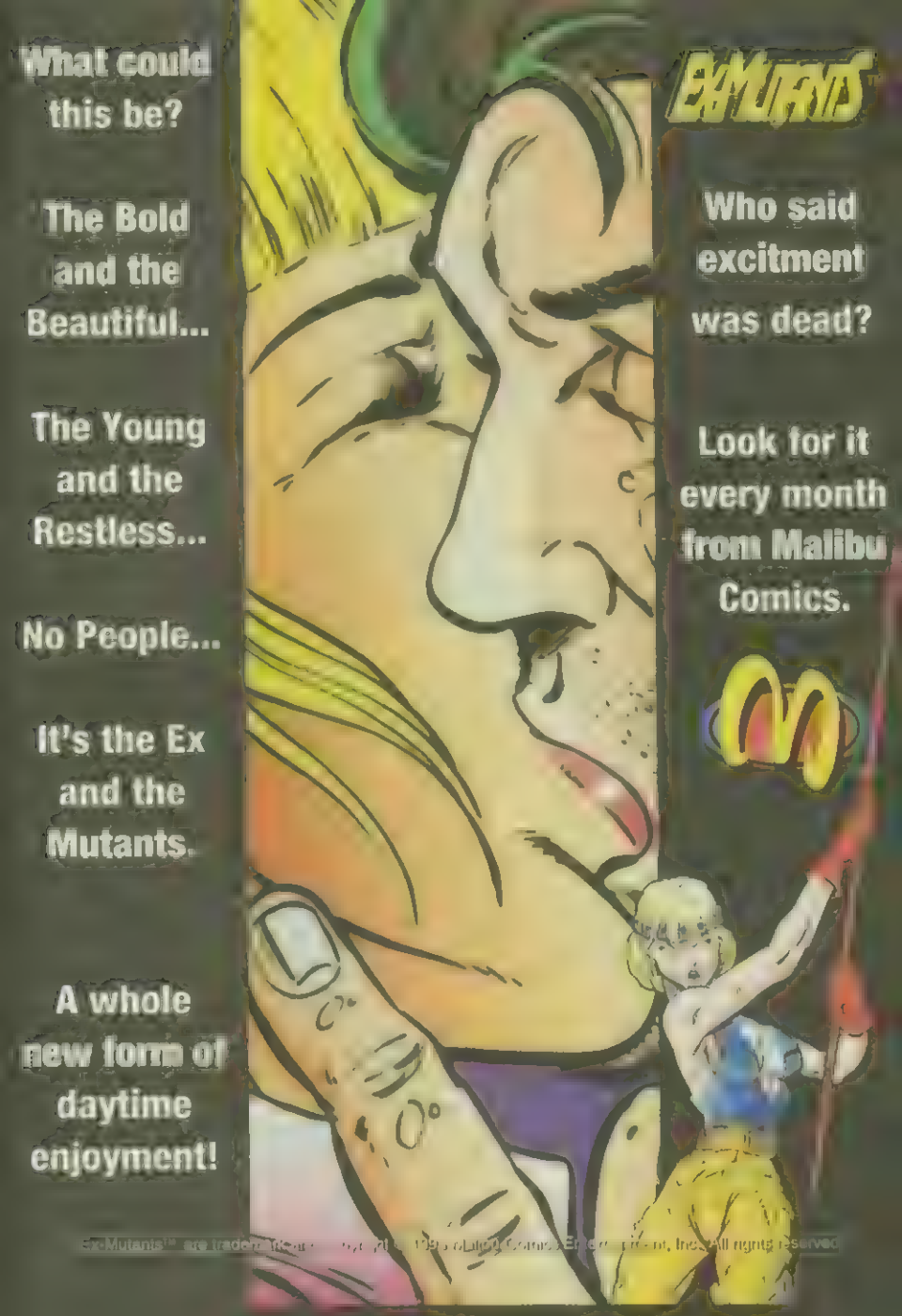
THE DEATH HOUND--THE SOUL EATER!
TO FAIL NOW ISN'T MERE LIFE OR DEATH..
I RISK ETERNAL NON-EXISTANCE!
AAAARGH!
FOREVER TRAPPED WITHIN THE ROTTING BOWELS OF MY OWN PERSONAL HELL!
TRADING ONE HELL FOR ANOTHER!
I..
DON'T
THINK
SO!!

NEVER!
THUNK!
FREEEEEE-!
FREE AT LAAAAAAGGGS-!
PAAAOOOWRR!
YOUR MONSTER IS DE-FEATED, SHAKRA
WITHOUT ITS Ugh ESCORT OF SOULS Ugg THE PARASITE IS MINDLESS
...BLINDLY DEVOURING ITSELF!

BRAVO, GRAVESTONE YOU'VE WON YOUR RITE OF PASSAGE
AGAIN.
I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY, GRAVESTONE I AM YOUR DESTINY
WHEN SOMETHING DIES, IT SHOULD REMAIN DEAD FOR ALL TIME!
WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS
SURELY YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THESE RESURRECTIONS ARE CAUSING A COSMIC IMBALANCE!
YOU CAN'T HOLD ME SHAKRA
GO, THEN BACK TO YOUR WORLD OF FILTH AND CORRUPTION!
BUT REMEMBER I NEED ONLY WIN ONCE!
NO!! I'M GOING WITH YOU!
GRAVESTONE, WAIT!!
YOU CANNOT--
I'M GOING BAAAAAACK!

BACK BACK FALLING
AAAAAH!
Uhhhh
MY GOD MY GOD I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!
I WAS.
GRAVESTONE I HAVE TO TELL YOU
GOOD YOU SHOULD BE
BUT ONLY A FEW SECONDS HAVE PASSED SINCE I DIED
I KNOW YOU'RE A PROTECTOR ONE OF US BUT I'M AFRAID OF YOU

I... I'M COMING..
...MOMMA. DADDY...
I'M...COMING.. HOME!
TO BE CONTINUED IN 30-- DON'T YOU DARE MISS IT!!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Dinosaurs For Hire #6 features a hilarious Jurassic Park parody cover that we couldn't stop creator/writer Tom Mason from calling "Jurassic Jerk." This issue also features the debut of new regular penciller Leonard Kirk.

Ex-Mutants #9 is Paul Pelletier's farewell issue (he's now working for the Declining Competition)—and he has pulled out all the stops.

Gravestone begins this month...if you don't already have it, go get it now. The response to this thing has been so positive, so fast, that it has been extended to a regular series already. Don't miss out.

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News!

GENESIS is still the buzz around the club. We're talking it's gonna be BIG! There are gonna be BIG changes in *Protectors*, *Dinosaurs For Hire*, and *Ex-Mutants*. You have been warned! Barry Windsor-Smith has just announced he'll be working on a project for Malibu's very own ULTRAVERSE. He and Malibu Editor-In-Chief/writer Chris Ulm will be creating *Rune*. Check your favorite Ultraverse title for the latest news.

Additional Credits to: *Gravestone* #1

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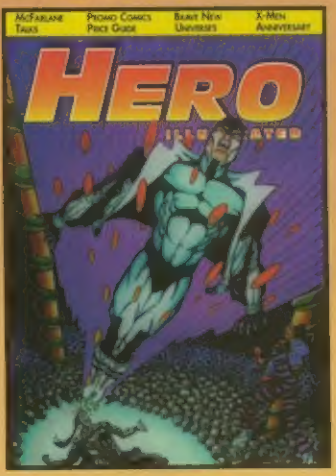

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